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COMMUNICATIONS.

J. C. S. HAMILTON A CANDIDATE.

To the Editor of the Register: I am a candidate for the office of Assistant Judge of County Court, and if the voters of Addison County consider me worthy, I hope I may have their support at the September primary. J. C. S. HAMILTON. Bridport, Vt., August 1, 1916.

VERMONT BOYS HAVE WRITING AND REST BUILDING.

To the Editor of the Register: At last I have my building for the boys, a nice comfortable place for them to rest and read and play games, and Henry Chapman is here to help me take care of it. "Some class" seems to be the regimental expression to denote superior quality, and our building is pronounced "some class" immediately by every man who enters it. Probably most of your readers would call it a shed, but it makes a difference whether you have been living for a month in a tent under a Texas sun. The building is plain enough—rough boards, no floor, plain benches, a few kitchen chairs and tables—but it is a chance to sit down, and to read or write, and that is a good deal. I have been through the company streets night after night and seen the boys propped up on blankets on the ground, eight to twelve of them in a tent, one lantern, trying to write home or to read a magazine, and I did not doubt that the building would be popular. So it has proved. The men crowded in before the carpenters were out, and last night every seat was taken—it is 24 feet by 72 feet—while I read to them Drummond's French Canadian poems and they sang popular songs to the accompaniment of our cabinet organ. "This place makes you write," one man said to me; "I have sent only cards before, but to-day I have written four pages home." So it will make a difference to the folks at home that we have our Y. M. C. A. building. We are to furnish writing material, but by mistake envelopes came with our equipment, but no paper. I bought a dozen thick pads to tide us over Sunday and put them on the desks at noon. They were used up before supper and I sent for more for the Sunday letters. We have places for about forty men to write at once, and they are nearly all taken when the men are off duty. There are also ten long benches, with a rest for the back, quite comfortable, on which the men sit and read the magazines which have already begun to come in good numbers from home. We have three plain tables and two dozen chairs, so there is a chance to use the checkers and dominoes which came with our Y. M. C. A. equipment. We have also a \$50 Edison phonograph with fifty good records, evidently well selected for army use. There is one about the little Ford rambling home despite the weather and numerous other difficulties, which I particularly enjoy. We have some very good music along with popular airs and humorous songs. The music is especially welcome since we have no regimental band. Our building is the coolest place about the camp, being even more comfortable than Col. Reeves' carizoo pavilion. There are no windows, but it is entirely open for a space three feet wide on all four sides. Screens keep out the flies, and board shutters the rain, serving as awnings to shield from the sun during pleasant weather. But nothing keeps out the dust during the "sand storms" and there is a big job dusting after one of these Texas abominations. Henry Chapman has been assisted to-day by Jenkins of Co. L, whom Col. Reeves detailed for that purpose until the other Y. M. C. A. men arrive. I expect Mr. Brown will arrive from Vermont long before this reaches the Register, and perhaps also a young

man from a Texas College. I am very glad indeed to have these advantages for the men and in their behalf wish to thank all those who have helped make it possible.

JOHN M. THOMAS. Eagle Pass, Texas, July 30, 1916.

VERMONT OPINION

SAFETY FIRST.

Bennington Banner. Every Vermont town should enforce the quarantine against infantile paralysis. A quarantine is an awful nuisance and many times imposes hardships that may not be necessary but it is much better to suffer some discomfort than to import a dangerous epidemic. The fate of a good health officer is generally to make himself disliked but there is no escape if he does his full duty.

THE PASSING OF RILEY.

Springfield Reporter. In the death of James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, the nation has met with a genuine loss, and literature is shorn of one of its brightest ornaments. Riley was read by the common people because he knew their thoughts and spoke their feelings. No aristocrat he, the man on the farm, the woman in the mill, the boy at school, the scenes of everyday life, furnished themes for his pen, and he glorified all he touched.

A CLEAN RECORD.

Brattleboro Reformer. The Pennsylvania road for the first six months of this year carried 92,380,184 passengers without the loss of a single life in train accidents. For two and one-half years no passenger has been killed in a train accident on any part of the Pennsylvania system. In that time 453,952,298 passengers have been carried in more than 3,000,000 trains for a total distance of more than ten billions of miles. This is certainly a record of efficient service.

VERMONT GUARDSMEN.

Randolph Herald. Judging from newspaper reports and letters home, the Vermont boys stationed on the Mexican border are accepting the situation with far greater equanimity than the National Guardsmen of most other States. They didn't anticipate a pleasant summer outing and were prepared for most of the discomforts they are experiencing. There is very little complaint from them. The First Vermont is doubly fortunate in its officers and personnel and the very liveliest sympathy exists between them. Their most trial is the terrific heat, to which they are not accustomed, but they are making the best of it.

DELAY IS DANGEROUS.

Rutland News. Three young women were drowned near Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Tuesday while in bathing, and the newspaper account of the catastrophe tells about two men "hastily donning bathing suits" in order to go to the aid of the victims. It is not stated whether they also dived with a shaver, a shampoo and all the rest. They arrived too late. The girls were beyond resuscitation. It is by no means to the credit of the wit or even common sense of any man that he should have delayed an instant in an attempt to extricate drowning people. The two young men in this case palpably thought too much of the inconvenience of getting their clothes wet.

MAKING VERMONT HISTORY.

St. Albans Messenger. A most excellent suggestion comes from James P. Taylor, secretary of the Greater Vermont association, that all libraries, that is, public libraries, throughout the State keep scrapbooks of newspaper clippings and pictures of local events, which would prove interesting and valuable as correct history. Not a few of our libraries are already doing this, it is said. The newspaper story of local happenings today is history that will increase in value as the years go by if assembled in a comprehensive way daily, or weekly as the case may be. This is well illustrated by the splendid scrapbook library of Vermont assembled by the late Horace W. Bailey, made up of newspaper clippings, both

news and pictorial, that he began work upon years ago and which he kept up until the day of his death. Happenings from all over the State of interest, or likely to be of historic value, were clipped from the Vermont press and preserved by him in scrapbooks. The future historian would find it comparatively easy writing the history of any community with such a reliable source of information to turn to as a well arranged indexed scrapbook. Public libraries that have not already taken up this work through their librarians should do so without delay.

VERMONT PHILANTHROPISTS.

Springfield Reporter. The recent gift of \$20,000 to Heaton hospital, Montpelier, by the Hon. Ira C. Cate of Washington, brings him well up into the front rank of Vermont philanthropists. This makes \$41,000 donated to that institution; his gift a few days ago of \$5,000 for the current expenses of Goddard seminary brings his total of gifts to that institution to a figure known, probably, to no one but himself. And his donation of \$20,000 to the City hospital at Barre a couple of years ago shows him catholic in his charity, as well as generous in his bestowments. His gifts have not yet equalled those of ex-Gov. John A. Mead, but they are rapidly approaching that limit. And these two men are setting an example that may well be followed by other Vermont men of wealth.

AFTER THE MOTORIST.

St. Albans Messenger. Jail sentence after August 1 is what awaits violators of the motor vehicle law in New York. The overbearing spirit of the many drivers and lack of results from fining have compelled Police Commissioner Woods to resort to this drastic measure. It was a Detroit judge that introduced this method last week. Thinking it over in a cold, cold cell, or a period at hard labor in a penitentiary is an altogether different proposition from tossing a "ten" on the desk and going right out to the car and doing the same bit of joyful law breaking over again.

A little flurry was occasioned among motorists at Montpelier the other day when an officer held up all drivers with the demand that they show their license to run a car. Recently Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey sent a Burlington officer to Vergennes to see how automobile traffic regulations are being observed in Vermont's oldest city. The officer is said to have found lack of licenses, an absence of front plate numbers, or no lights, contrary to law, in half of a certain number of cars he stopped in one hour. It may be that the secretary of the State is just starting out on a State-wide hunt for offenders of automobile regulations and there is no knowing what place will be visited next by the "gentlemanly" officer who does his work "thoroughly." So it would be wise to pocket the license, hang the number plate properly, and light up after dark.

PREVENTION OF SUMMER DROWNING.

Rutland News. It is natural in hot weather to seek relief by plunging into a cold bath, or the cold water of a stream, lake or sea beach. But medical authorities point out that the practice is not without its dangers. Many of the drownings reported in such numbers throughout the summer are caused by heart failure due to the sudden shock of the warm body, weakened by sultry heat, coming into sudden contact with the chill water. Many other cases are due to cramps, resulting from the same cause. And death or serious injury has often been known to occur from merely jumping into a bath tub filled with very cold water, or turning on a cold shower when the body is glowing and physical resistance is at a low ebb.

The value of the shock incident to a morning plunge, in the tub or anywhere else, has been exaggerated. Even when the weather and the plunger's health are both normal, the effects may be bad. In the summer particularly it is wise to avoid extremely cold water, or at least to cool off the body gradually so as to accustom it to the low temperature without shock.

Most swimmers consider a sudden plunge or dive the only legitimate way to enter the water. It may be less heroic to wade in slowly and wet oneself gradually, but it is far more sensible. And it is likewise sensible to leave the water just as soon as one begins to feel chilled. If blue fingernails and chattering teeth were regarded in juvenile circles as evidence of folly—which they are—rather than heroic endurance, there would be fewer drownings.

MILITIA SHOULD BE RETURNED.

Rutland News. Demands are being made in congress for the return of the National guard troops now along the Mexican border. Senator Charles E. Townsend of Michigan and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts are the first to advocate the withdrawal of the guardsmen. There would seem to be no reason why the militia

should not very soon be sent back home. Certainly Vermonters will hope that their troops will be released from service which no longer seems necessary.

It has been apparent for several weeks that the administration has no intention of invading Mexico to restore peace. Such being the case it is not strange that the senators have voiced their objection to keeping the State militia in a hot climate when there is no real need of their services.

The Vermont soldiers were drawn into the service because they believed that they were needed and because they might even be sent into Mexico. Now while they are making no complaint, they must all realize that they have been sent from a northern country to the unbearably hot places along the international border without any possibility of their being used. As Senator Townsend puts it: "They ought to be returned to their schools and avocations, which they left when they expected they would be called upon to fight for their country."

The patrol work for which the militia are employed, it would seem, can easily be done by the regulars and it is to be hoped that the War department will send back home without delay the citizen-soldiers. It seems to be settled that the college men may be able to return from the Rio Grande in time for the opening of the fall term and there is apparently no reason why companies made up of the other young citizens should not likewise be released shortly.

SCARCITY OF HORSES.

The European war and our own trouble with Mexico has opened the eyes of army men to the lack of suitable horses in this country. Farm and Fireside the national farm paper published at Springfield, Ohio, says:

"Recently the army authorities made a horse census to learn how many horses suited for cavalry use could be had in the country, and only 250,000 were reported. There has been introduced in both houses legislation to appropriate \$200,000 to provide stallions for breeding horses suitable for army and also agricultural work. Farmers may breed the right kind of mares to them free, by agreeing that the colt may be taken by the army at three years old for \$150; or, if the owner doesn't want to sell at that figure, he shall pay \$25 for the service. "That sounds as if the government were going to pay a fair price for its horses; but, in fact, it desires to get more horses of this type raised than will be wanted. The plan is to fill the country with the right sort of horses so that they will be available at any time the Government may want them."

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OBITUARY.

JOHN TOWLE.

A friend has departed. In the evening of July 17, there passed from the presence of the living an aged and esteemed citizen of Cornwall, Mr. John Towle. His death reminds one of the stalwart oaks of the forest falling suddenly to the earth after standing erect for 84 years, for such was the age of Mr. Towle. His physical strength and health had been most remarkable. He once stated to the writer that he had been sick scarcely a day in his long life. He had, however, in recent years, met with some physical accidents, and during the last spring was much weakened by the grip, and before fully recovering became a victim of aneurism; the dilation of an artery—which caused him much pain and finally resulted in his death. He is survived by four children, one son and three daughters, who lovingly cared for their father in his last painful illness.

Mr. Towle's childhood home was Hemingsford, Canada. He was the eldest son of a patriarchal family, there being 14 children, 10 boys and 4 girls. Of these, two only are now living, William, residing in South Dakota, and Priscilla in Massachusetts. Of these ten sons, this is remarkable, not one of them ever used tobacco or liquor.

Mr. Towle came to Vermont in 1852 and was married four years later, purchased a large farm and was a tiller of the soil in Cornwall nearly 50 years. He was a great lover of nature. With his own hands he set out over 100 maple trees, a row on either side of the highway passing his home dwelling. These trees, now stately, cast a grateful shade, and in coming years will whisper in loving accents the name of John Towle.

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Estate of Mrs. Carmelia B. King, late of Middlebury.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Addison, Commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Mrs. Carmelia B. King late of Middlebury in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in the office thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the late residence of Mrs. Carmelia B. King, in the town of Middlebury, in said District, on the 12th day of August and 13th day of January next, from 10 o'clock a.m. until 12 o'clock noon, on each of said days and that six months from the 27th day of July, A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance. Dated at Middlebury, Vt., this 27th day of July, A. D. 1916. Milo J. Day, W. S. Huntley, Commissioners. Timothy Billings, Ripton, Vt., Administrator.

Estate of Frank D. Meehan, Adjudged a Spendthrift.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Addison, guardian with authority to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against Frank D. Meehan of Salisbury, in said District, and all claims exhibited in the office thereto, hereby give notice that I will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at my house in the village of Salisbury, in said District, on the 12th day of August and 30th day of December next, from 10 o'clock a.m. until 4 o'clock p.m., on each of said days and that six months from the 21st day of July, A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to me for examination and allowance. Dated at Salisbury, Vt., this 21st day of July, A. D. 1916. JOHN W. PITRIDGE, Guardian.

Tax Sale.

The non-resident proprietors of the town of Middlebury in the County of Addison are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town within the year next preceding this date, also the year 1914, also the year 1915, also the year 1912, also the year 1911, remain either in whole or part unpaid; on the following described lands in said town, to wit: Beginning on the highway from Middlebury to New Haven at the northeast corner of the lot owned by Isaac Lavach, Jr., thence north 87 degrees west 48 rods four lines, to lands owned by Thomas & Weeks, thence north 8 degrees east 7 rods 23 links, thence south 87 degrees east, about 50 rods to stump of a large elm on the west line of the highway; thence along said highway about 8 rods to place of beginning. Being the same lands as conveyed by Thomas Dobson to Lucy M. Potter under date of January 10th, 1905, and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction, at the dwelling house of Thomas Dobson in said Middlebury on the 21st day of August, 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes with costs, unless previously paid. Dated at Middlebury, in the County of Addison, the 19th day of July, 1916. M. K. MOORE, Collector of Town Taxes

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